

SENATE BILL 1935
By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40
and Title 41, relative to probation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, is amended by adding the following
as a new, appropriately designated section:

The board of probation and parole may establish probation management programs in cooperation with certain courts on a voluntary basis. Participating courts may sentence offenders to a probation management program thereby granting the board of probation and parole the authority to supervise the probationer in accordance with the initial sentence and conditions imposed by the court and to impose sanctions for violations of the original sentence without requiring a probation revocation hearing before the court. The board of probation and parole shall establish a continuum of sanctions commensurate with the severity of the violation or violations. The continuum of sanctions may include increased supervision, community service work, curfews, electronic monitoring, global positioning satellite tracking, out patient or residential substance abuse treatment, probation revocation boot camp and any other available options agreed upon by the court and the board of probation and parole.

The board of probation and parole shall work with the participating courts to establish procedures for the imposition of sanctions by the board. The board of probation and parole is encouraged to work with the participating courts to develop guidelines for determining the appropriate sanction or sanctions for particular violations.

SECTION 2. The board of probation and parole shall report to the select oversight committee on corrections by February 1, 2006 on the status of the pilot projects.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.